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They propose presently to submit to the Department a full statement of their reasons for dissatisfaction.

. . . The Sultan of Turkey has again acknowledged the American claim for indemnity for the destroyed mission property. The State Department has informed him that he must set a date for payment within a reasonable time.

. . . *Concord* for April gives up three pages and a half to accounts of peace meetings in England which have been broken up or violently disturbed. The account contains the names of twenty-four cities in which these riotous proceedings have occurred, and says that it is impossible, with its limited space, to present a catalogue of the cruel assaults on individuals.

. . . The Women's Disarmament League, with headquarters at Paris, has changed its name to the Women's Universal Peace Alliance.

. . . By a vote of forty to thirty-one the Senate, on the 3d of April, passed the Porto Rican bill, providing for fifteen per cent. of the Dingley duties each way, the repayment to Porto Rico of the sums collected at our ports, putting many common articles on the free list, and providing that free trade shall prevail after two years, or as much earlier as the Porto Rican government shall have secured a sufficient revenue from other sources.

. . . It is reported that the Senate will not at this session ratify the new Nicaragua Canal treaty, amended or not amended. Some of them want it amended so as to give the United States the right to use it for war purposes; others do not. Some of them dislike John Hay and wish to defeat his work.

. . . The article by Senator Procter in the *International Monthly* for April, on the "Neutralization of the Nicaragua Canal," leaves little to be said. It shows that eleven secretaries of state, from Webster to Hay, have favored neutralization, and that all the nation's utterances in the past favor this policy.

. . . Emile Zola contributes to the *North American Review* for April a very able article on war.

. . . Mr. Bloch, author of the monumental work on the "Future of War," attempts, in an article in the April *Contemporary Review* entitled "Lessons from the South African War," to support his thesis that war between two first class powers has become impossible.

. . . The total expenditures of the government for two years and nine months, beginning with July 1, 1897, have been \$1,416,753,277.34. Of this vast sum \$987,051,328.99 have gone for the army and navy, and for pensions. If to this we add the interest on the public debt, nearly all of which is a war debt, the amount will be over one billion, or more than two-thirds of the total national expenditures, which have gone directly and indirectly for war purposes during that period.

. . . "For the moment we are given over to a kind of delirium, which seems to have all the characteristics of diabolical possession."—*W. T. Stead, editor of the Review of Reviews, London.*

. . . The United States stands second only to France in the number of exhibitors at the Paris Exposition, and

has treble the number furnished by any other foreign country.

. . . A United States parcels-post convention with Venezuela has been signed. It is thought that this will be worth one million a year to this country, through the mail order business.

. . . The distinguished French peace advocate, Frederic Passy, member of the Institute of France, and for many years a member of the Chamber of Deputies, is to be the president of the International Peace Congress which meets at Paris on the 30th of September and succeeding days.

Contributors.

Our recent appeal for funds with which to meet the deficit of the year has brought us about five hundred dollars, in sums varying from one dollar up to one hundred. All these gifts have been acknowledged to the donors in person, but we give their names here, hoping that their example may encourage others to send something. We shall need more than double the amount received, to meet our present needs. The amounts given are withheld, out of respect for the wishes of some donors:

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The World's Crisis.

BY MARTHA SHEPARD LIPPINCOTT.

"Peace be on earth," O Jesus, Lord,
Where is the mercy thou hast taught?
It seems the mission of thy life
The sinful world hath not yet caught.
'Tis seeking still the calf of gold,
And sacrificing lives to it.
How shall we answer for such waste
When at the judgment seat we sit?